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POLAND: Bishops' Meeting

Poland's bishops are expected to issue a policy statement today following a two-day session presided over by Archbishop Glemp. The meeting, [REDACTED] is the first since Glemp led a delegation earlier this month to the Vatican for talks with Pope John Paul II. [REDACTED]

Comment: The bishops last met in early January, when they issued a strong message, which Glemp partly counteracted by a more moderate one of his own. Although the hierarchy continues to be divided, the bishops' statement is likely to be in line with Glemp's approach. It probably will condemn the repression under martial law--especially the internment policy. At the same time, however, it will also seek to use Premier Jaruzelski's call for national reconciliation, which he made in his recent Central Committee speech, to urge the regime to follow through on its promise. [REDACTED]

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